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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**  
**CITATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.97**

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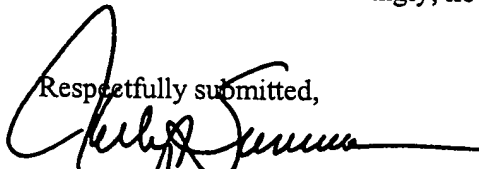
As requested in the official communication dated February 12, 2002, enclosed are copies of the prior art cited by the Applicants in the Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) mailed February 14, 2001.

In reviewing the files for the subject application and its parent (Ser. No. 09/260,209, filed March 1, 1999), it was noted that two U.S. patents that were also cited in the parent application (Nos. 4,517,895 and 6,005,191) were inadvertently omitted from said IDS; and an additional U.S. Patent (No. 3,368,708) has been cited since the February 14, 2001 IDS was filed. Therefore, we also enclose a supplemental Form PTO-1449 listing such patents and copies of the three patents listed thereon. It is requested that the Examiner consider these documents and officially make them of record in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 and Section 609 of the MPEP.

As indicated previously, all items listed on the earlier IDS and the enclosed IDS were cited in parent application No. 09/260,209, filed March 1, 1999.

This IDS is filed under 37 CFR § 1.97(b) before the latter of three months after the U.S. patent application filing date or the first Office Action on the merits. Accordingly, no fee or § 1.97(e) Statement is required.

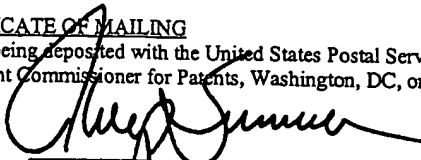
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